A generous spirit

By WILLIAM L. TRIMYER
A Generous Spirit
Lesson for March 8, 1981
Bible Study Passage: Matthew 20:1-16
Introduction

Everyone loves a generous person! It's fun to be on the receiving end of someone who has the means to give. The other side of this is that it is also fun to give. There is something deeply rewarding about sharing and giving gifts. The college I attended in Kentucky had a beautiful student center donated by one man. His picture hung in the foyer of the building, and under his picture were these words: "That which a man gives away often becomes his greatest possession." Gift and giving are hallmark words within the Christian faith. These words also convey the accurate image of a God who gives and rewards his people. This week we look at a parable that Jesus shared to emphasize the generous spirit of our heavenly Father.

Parable Of A Good Employer [Matthew 20:1-10]

It is important to recognize that this parable is told by Jesus to focus upon the generosity of the employer and not the ingratitude of the employees. Some have mistaken this parable to be a blueprint for economics and running a labor union. It is also important to note that this parable is concerned with reward rather than judgment. In this parable all workers receive the same wages no matter the number of hours they had put in.

This parable reflects hiring practices in ancient times. Men would gather in the market-places to make known their availability for hire. There is a streetcorner in Richmond, Virginia where laborers gather each morning. They patiently wait for someone to come by and hire them for a day's work. At the end of the day the laborer is paid and dropped off at the corner.

A Lesson Learned [Matthew 20:11-16]

A focal point of this parable is to teach the equality of reward in the kingdom of God. There is an element of surprise within this parable, namely, that those who were hired late in the day would receive the same wages of those hired in the early morning. That hardly sounds equitable to those of us living within the twentieth century. But, again, we must remember that the emphasis of this parable is upon the generosity of the employer. While we may think there is gross injustice practiced by this employer, there is also the fact of unlimited generosity in which everyone receives the same. The employer in this parable is sympathetic towards the poor.

Thus, Jesus tells this parable to show how God deals with people. God is merciful to all and grants them unmerited "wages."

Why Such A Story?

Jesus used parables for numerous reasons, one of which was to address those who grumbled against him and his kingdom message. The Pharisees were hard-hearted and often refused to step out of their rigid stance to take a good look at the kingdom Jesus came to proclaim.

Jesus confronted the Pharisees with a story designed to show them how differently they acted from the way God behaved towards people. Jesus pictures his heavenly Father as a "kind employer" who is compassionate towards the poor.

Jesus himself exhibited a spirit of generosity throughout his ministry. In this sense he came to show us what God is really like. And we can trust God to treat us fairly with his just system of rewards.

We, too, are compelled to adopt a compassionate stand towards those who are poor. It is not our place to make final judgments about people, but to practice a spirit of generosity towards all.

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Bible and Daily Living

Learn how to cry

By CARL H. PATTON
Learn To Cry [John 11:35

The parents of a teen-age boy stand dry-eyed in the afternoon sun, as they watch the casket of their son lowered into the ground. Family and friends stand with them and congratulate them on the "Christian strength" they have shown at this time of grief and tragedy. How distorted is our perspective sometimes. How unrealistic are our expectations. This couple is not showing strength, they are meeting the demands of appearance. They are not even being particularly Christian.

All children who are required to learn scripture passages soon find John 11:35. The shortest verse in the Bible records one of the greatest emotions of Christ's life. "Jesus Wept." Jesus experienced the very real loss of his friend Lazarus. It did not matter that Jesus planned to raise Lazarus up to new life in the last days. It did not matter that in just a few minutes Jesus intended to bring Lazarus back to this life. When Jesus was confronted with that sepulchre in which the body of his friend had been laid, he was overcome with the very human feelings of loss and separation. Jesus outward response to that loss and the rush of emotions was, not to hide them, but rather to express them. "Jesus wept."

Paul tells the church at Thessalonica that they have hope in Jesus for the resurrection. He tells them about this hope because he wants them to "sorrow not, even as others which have no hope." (I Thes. 4:13) Paul is not telling them not to sorrow, but rather not—to lose hope. I believe that Paul is giving the church at Thessalonica permission to grieve their losses in a healthy way, while realizing that in Christ Jesus death is not the ultimate victor.

If there were one message which I would like the Christian Church to hear today, it would be, "Learn to cry." If there is one message I could give to those who would comfort the family in grief, it would be, "Give them your permission to cry."

There is much healing in the salty waters of tears. They are the gift of God, just as surely as laughter is the gift of God to the happy heart. I believe that God had a hand in John 11:35 being the shortest verse in the Bible, I think it is His way of telling us that it is o.k. to cry, for you see, "Jesus Wept!"

Carl H. Patton is pastor of Hebron Baptist Church.

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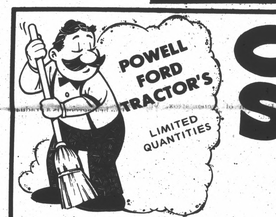

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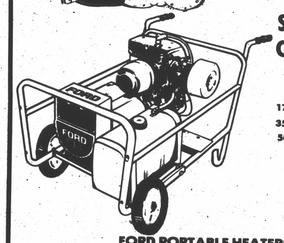

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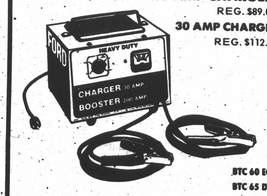

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Primary menu

Mon., Mar. 9 - Hot dog, slaw, baked beans, cookie, milk.
Tues., Mar. 10 - Turkey, roll on bun, french fries, mixed vegetables, milk.
Wed., Mar 11 - Chicken, creamed potatoes, green peas, bread, butter, milk.
Thurs., Mar. 12 - Hamburger on bun, peas and carrots, fruit, milk.
Fri., Mar. 13 - Vegetable soup, cheese sandwich, apple sauce, milk, cookie.

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Mrs. Robert Larry Fish

Miss Handy is wed to Mr. Fish

Miss Vickie Lynn Handy and Robert Larry Fish were married on February 14 at the Appomattox Baptist Temple. The Rev. Dave Grove was the officiating minister.

Miss Handy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emmitt Handy Jr., of Appomattox and Mr. Fish is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Fish of Newport News, Va.

Given in marriage by her parents, the bride's maid of honor was Gina Fish of Newport News, sister of the groom. Bridesmaids were Miss Linda Annanuchi of Madison Heights, cousin of the bride and Mrs. Peggy Roach of Appomattox.

Ralph Fish of Newport News, brother of the groom, was best man. Ushers were Mike Gentry of Lynchburg, brother-in-law of the groom and Todd Roach of Appomattox.

The bride is a graduate of Appomattox County High School. The groom is a graduate of Ferguson High School in Newport News and is employed at the shipyards.

After a wedding trip to the mountains the couple will reside in Newport News.

Miss Catherine Ann Gowin

Miss Gowin to wed Mr. Parker

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Elijah Gowin of Lynchburg announce the engagement of their daugher, Catherine Ann, to Timothy Lee Parker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lewis Parker of Kingsport, Tenn.

Miss Gowin is a graduate of E.C. Glass High School and Radford College. She is employed as a teacher by the Lynchburg Training School & Hospital and also is employed by the Courtside Athletic Club.

Mr. Parker was graduated from Appalachian State University and is an employee of State Farm Insurance.

The wedding is planned for March 21 at 1 p.m. in West Lynchburg Baptist Church.

Although no invitations are being sent, friends and relatives are invited to attend.

THE DELTA ZETA CHAPTER of Beta Sigma Phi crowned the **1981 Sweetheart Queen, Mrs. Sarah Summers**, at their annual **Valentine's Dance. Sarah has been a member of the sorority for three years, serving as Extension Officer, Publicity chairman, and presently the recording secretary. She has two sons, J.T. and Zane, and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Binford T. Phelps of Gladstone.**

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Social News

Mrs. Mary Frances Bryant is a patient in the University of Virginia Hospital, Charlottesville.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Newman of Detroit, Michigan were visitors last week in the home of the Williams Gaines family in Falling River Acres. While in Virginia they attended the Moose Lodge meetings at Virginia Beach and in Lynchburg.

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Mr. M. D. (Andy) Anderson is recovering from a recent illness. Mrs. Susie Davis of Nathalie, visited in the Anderson home on last Tuesday afternoon.

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Mrs. Janie Chernault, Mrs. Edna Anderson and Mrs. Evelyn McCormick of Lynchburg visited Mr. and Mrs. Robert Coleman of Route 3 on Saturday afternoon.

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Mr. Scotty Bailey of Virginia Beach, Va. visited Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Anderson on Saturday afternoon.

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Visitors Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Vaughan were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Marker of Richmond.

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Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Newcomb of Poquoson spent the week end with her mother, Mrs. S. J. Evans.

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J. Lloyd Hudson underwent surgery at Virginia Baptist Hospital on Tuesday.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ted Almond of Madison Heights spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. S. J. Evans.

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Oakville homemakers slate meeting

The Oakville Extension Homemakers will meet at Oakville School March 5 at 1:30 p.m.

Mrs. Irene Hughes will be demonstrating the making of Christmas Tree Ornaments. All members are urged to be present and visitors are welcome. Elaine Hampton and Katie Martin are hostesses.

At 7:00 p.m. the club will be serving supper to the Oakville Ruritans.

Celebrates anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis L. Mitchell celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception for family and friends at their home.

The reception was hosted by their children, Charles B. Mitchell, Maymond L. Mitchell, Shirley M. Childress, Mary M. Whitehead, Douglas C. Mitchell and Michael K. Mitchell.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell were married on January 31, 1931. They have six children, eighteen grandchildren and four great-granchildren.

Ladies plan quilting bee

The Oakville Home and Garden Club will have a "Quilting Bee" on Tuesday, March 10, beginning at 10:00 a.m. at Oakville School.

Those who will be quilting are reminded to bring their needle and thimble. Those who won't be quilting may bring their macrame project if not completed to work on.

Everyone is to bring their lunch. We're looking forward to some old-fashioned fun!

Shrock - Franklin exchange vows

The marriage of Pamela Kay Shrock to Dennis Allen Franklin of Appomattox, Va. took place on Feb. 7 at 2 o'clock in Spout Spring Baptist Church with the Rev. George Kreidel, Sr.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dale D. Shrock of Appomattox. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. Clarence Franklin of Appomattox, Va. and Mrs. Betty Brown of Concord, Va.

The bride was given in marriage by her father.

Mrs. Charlene Nash of Concord, Va. was her sister's maid of honor.

Mr. Larry Franklin was his brother's best man. The ushers were Dale Shrock Jr. of Appomattox, brother of the bride and Larry Franklin of Concord, brother of the groom.

The bride is a graduate of Appomattox County High School and is employed with Miller - Rhoads in Lynchburg, Va.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Appomattox County High School and is employed with Lynchburg Vending Inc.

The couple is living in Lynchburg, Va.

Dermerses announce birth

Peter Raymond Dermers and Virginia Lee Dermers announce the birth of a son, Jessie Raymond Dermers, born February 28 at the Southside Community Hospital in Farmville. He weighed seven pounds and seven and three-quarter ounces and was 20 inches in length.

Maternal grandparents are Violet and Jessie Franklin of Appomattox. Paternal grandparents are Mrs. Annie Dermers of Marianna, Florida and the late Raymond Dermers.

Simpsons announce birth

Wayne and Peggie Simpson of Appomattox proudly announce the birth of their first child, a son, Christopher Neal, born on February 2, 1981.

Christopher was born at 7:27 p.m. in Virginia Baptist Hospital, Lynchburg, Va. He weighed 8 pounds and 11 ounces and was 21¼ inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Stanley of Lynchburg, Va.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Johnny C. Simpson of Appomattox, Va.

Concord ladies meet

Concord Young Homemaker Club held its January meeting at the home of Mrs. Jack Carroll.

Mrs. Helen Franklin, president, presided over the meeting.

Officers were installed for 1981. New officers include: president, Mrs. Helen Franklin; vice president, Mrs. Evelyn Perrow; secretary, Mrs. Sue Anderson; treasurer, Mrs. Marie Perrow; Historian, Mrs. Colena Roberts; reporter, Mrs. Barbara Jordan.

Plans were made to attend the State Young Homemakers and Young Farmers Convention in Roanoke, Va. in February.

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